people in the waiting list in the country are likely to be provided with LPG connections in the next four/five years.

(f) and (g) No shortage of LPG cylinders in Bihar has been reported by the Oil Companies.

Money withdrawn from Oil Pool Account

613. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the amount withdrawn by the Ministry of Finance from the Oil Pool Account since 1985;

(b) whether the last withdrawal was of Rs. 4429 crores for the public accounts deposit;

(c) if so, whether the same has been reimbursed; and

(d) if not, the actual amount withdrawn last from the Oil Pool Account?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the house.

Amount recoverable by IOC from Industry Pool Account

614. SHRI SUDHIR RANJAN MAJUMDAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Oil Corp. Limited has shown an amount of Rs. 3471 crores against annexure "K" under the heading Investment & Advances, for the accounting year 1995-96, as the amount recoverable from the Industry Pool Account, whereas they charged in their Profit & Loss account, net claim of Rs. 2509 crores, from the Industry Pool Account including Rs. 844 crores for the previous year;

(b) if so, what is the justification for showing an inflated amount as their net asset, whereas the net amount charged at Profit & Loss account for 1995-96 is half of figure i.e. Rs. 1665 crores;

(c) whether the recoverable pool account was investigated and audited by C.A.G.; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons for accepting the figures tendered by the Indian Oil Corporation Ltd.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Yes, Sir

(b) It has been reported by the Indian Oil Corporation Limited that the amount shown as recoverable from the pool account in Schedule K of the Balance Sheet Rs. 3471.28 crores and amount shown in the Income side of Profit & Loss Account under the head "Net Claims from (Surrender to) Industry Pool Accounts" Rs. 2509.37 crores are not comparable on account of the following reasons:

(1) The amount shown in the Balance Sheet includes unsettled amount carried forward from the previous year whereas the Profit & Loss account reflects the claim lodged—surrenders made during the year which may include claims for earlier years also e.g. incentive claims margin updation claims etc.

(2) There are certain transaction related to the Balance Sheet, item where claims lodged on OCC such a exchange variation differential o foreign loans taken by IOC as canalising agent which does not figur in the Profit & Loss Statement bu reflected in the Balance Sheet item.

(3) Certain claims from Oil Industr Pool Account such as demurrage c crude oil imports, L/C charges etc. ar claimed on Industry basis by IOC ar the same are not reflected in th Income side of the P&L A/c as th